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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/394,745
Filed: September 15, 1999
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**
Inventors: Dane K. FISHER *et al.*
Atty. Docket No.: 16517.001/15454B

Sir:

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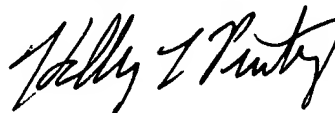
1. Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
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Respectfully submitted,



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Applicants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter. A duplicate copy of this Request is attached.

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